1892-015 Chancery Causes: Petition of Hiram Lewis 1893
Lee Co.

Hyatt, Bailey, Stewart, Garrett

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Additional Information:
Petition to overthrow a divorce decree that prohibits remarriage

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To the Hon. A.S.K. Morison Judge of the
Circuit Court of Lee County Virginia
Your Petitioner Hiram Lewis who
humbly Complaining would re-
spectfully represent that in May
1885, his late wife Louisa J. Lewis
filed her bill in this Honorable Court
against your petitioner suking a
Divorce from him for causes therein
alleged. To that bill your petitioner
made no appearance or defense.
But he knew then what is well
known now, that his said wife
was not the pure and undefiled
woman she held her self out to
be, nor did he then wish to do
her any harm, but preferred in
silence to allow her to depart from
him - In that decree your Petitioner
was restrained from again marry-
ing, and he has now for nearly
seven years obeyed the injunction -
He is now a little past middle
life, and has born this restraint
for these long years, hoping to get an
instant further Controversy. But his
said wife has gone on from bad
to worse, until now she becomes a
Common prostitute and is the mother
of one or two Children since she
obtained her divorce, so that no
reconciliation can ever take place
between them - And while your Pe-
titioner has no Complaint to make

at the restraint heretofore imposed upon him - He comes humbly to ask if this burden may now be removed He states in sincerity that at this time of life, and with no home or place of abode, the temptation to evil habits is so greater than he can longer to bear. And that if this restraint can be removed from him he in good faith intends to marry again and live a better life - He is advised that for good cause the restraint may be removed, and he submits, that his said wifes conduct being such as to entitle him to a divorce, that such is good cause But aside from that he submits that even tho any obedience, to the injunction, brought about by acts committed long after he and his said wife had seperated, and her subsequent guilty conduct ought to aid him in the dissolution of a contract long since annulled for the other side. Besides he submits humbly how can he reasonably be expected to reform, and lead a blameless life unless aided to that freedom which alone can restore him - He prays therefore that Your Honor may annul said decree or remove said restraint and allow him to again marry if he can do so - And pledges his good

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faith to make the effort and to leave
me that regard blameless in the
future. And as in duty bound he
will ever pray &c.

A. L. Redeemer

P. G.

Hiram Lewis

Exparte } For reinstating
restraining order

On Petition.

Hiram Lewis Pltiff.

vs

Louisa J Lewis Deft. } In chy

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the Petition of Hiram Lewis and the depositions filed therewith, and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof, and it appearing to the Court that good cause has been shown for revoking and annulling the decree entered in said cause on the 29th day of August 1885, inhibiting Hiram Lewis from marrying again; It is therefore adjudged, ordered & decreed that so much of said decree as inhibits the said Hiram Lewis from marrying again be and the same is hereby revoked and annulled and that the said Hiram Lewis is permitted hereto marry, and that the said Hiram Lewis pay the costs of this suit, and it appearing that the object of said cause has been obtained it is ordered that the same be stricken from the docket.

Hiram Lewis
and Deed
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Enter this
H. A. K. M.
April 9th 1892

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The depositions of A. R. Hyatt and others taken before me, D. C. Sewell, a notary Public in & for the County of Lee & State of Virginia in the office of A. L. Pridemore Jonesville, Lee County Virginia, on the 4th day of April 1892, to be read as evidence in behalf of Hiram Lewis, Petitioner, in a certain suit in Equity lately decided in the circuit court of Lee County, Va wherein Lovina J Lewis was plaintiff & the said Hiram Lewis was Defendant:

A. R. Hyatt a witness of Lawful age being duly sworn deposes & says:

I am a farmer & at present Commissioner of the Revenue for 2nd district of Lee County— I am 33 years old. I am very well acquainted with Lovina J Lewis. I know she has a child some two years old & she has the reputation of whoring around promiscuously. Her character is very bad. I have never seen said Hiram Lewis about her since her divorce & have not heard of same. I am acquainted with said Lewis also, & as far as I know, he is a quiet & peaceable citizen— He is a very industrious fellow.

And further this witness saith not

A. R. Hyatt

J. D. Bailey another witness of Lawful age being duly sworn

deponent says:
I am a farmer, age 35, live in Yokum Station. I know the said Louisa J Lewis. She is a woman of bad repute. to my certain knowledge she is not a virtuous woman.
And further this witness saith not

J E Baily

Link Stewart another witness of lawful age being duly sworn says:
I am a blacksmith, live near Jonesville - am 47 years old. I have seen the said Louisa J Lewis & know her by reputation. Her character is very bad. Report has it that she whores around promiscuously & has a child since her divorce - about 2 years old. I know Hiram Lewis, he is industrious, working, quiet & peaceable man.
And further this witness saith not

his
Link x Stewart
mark

M. B. Garrett another witness being sworn deposes says -
I only know the said Louisa J Lewis by reputation. She is reputed to be a very tricky bad woman & has a child since the divorce. I know also Hiram Lewis. Live near him 11 years

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He is hard working, quiet, peaceable, ~~civil~~ citizen, If he has been about said Louisa J. Lewis since the divorce I do not know of it & have not heard of it. Im working with him & have not ever heard him mention her name.

And further this affiant saith not.

his
M. B. Lowell
mark

Virginia, Lee County, To-wit:

I, D. C. Sewell notary Public in & for the County & state aforesaid, do hereby certify, that the foregoing depositions were duly taken sworn to & subscribed before me at the time & place mentioned therein. Given under my hand this april 4th 1892.

D. C. Sewell
Notary Public for
Lee County, Virginia

Hiram Lewis

ads 3 Defts

Louisa J. Lewis

Filed Apr. 4th 1892

L. A. Schmatz

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